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REPORT

ALBERTA SOCIAL CREDIT LEAGUE

CONSTITUENCY EXECUTIVES' SEMI-ANNUAL CONFERENCE

November 29th, 1955.

Calgary

Spanish Room, Palliser.

82 Delegates registered.
37 Constituencies represented.

10 A.M.

President, Mr. O.A. Kennedy welcomed the delegates, and commenting on the exceptionally good attendance, explained that a larger conference room had been booked in advance, but due to some misunderstanding, it was not available today.

Mr. Kennedy gave an outline of the National Association's work in the other Provinces and urged the necessity for strengthening the organization and maintaining constant alertness. He said that our National program was planned to have all in readiness for a general election in 1957, but there are indications that a Federal election may be called very soon, perhaps in 1956.

Speaking of the need for real Social Credit workers who are not solely interested in their own advancement, Mr. Kennedy gave a definition of a politician and of a statesman. "The politician says, "What can the state do for me?", but the statesman says, "What can I do for the State?".

In regard to Constitutional amendments, Mr. Kennedy said if there are things in the Constitution that are hindering the operation of democracy let us change the Constitution. Our slogan for the 21st Annual Convention of the Alberta Social Credit League is: "Be Sure you are Right - then Get in and Fight".

In asking for reports from the Constituencies he urged the delegates to speak briefly but frankly.

Reports of Constituency Executives

Brief verbal reports were given by officials of the following Provincial and one Federal Constituency:

Acadia-Coronation	Leduc
Alexandra	Lethbridge
Athabasca	Little Bow
Bonnyville	Macleod
Bruce	Medicine Hat
Calgary	Pembina
Camrose	Red Deer
Cardston	Redwater
Clover Bar	Rocky Mountain House
Cypress	Sedgewick
Didsbury	Spirit River
Drumheller	Stettler
Grande Prairie	Stony Plain
Grouard	Vermilion
Edmonton	Wainwright
Edmonton-Strathcona (Federal)	Warner
Hand Hills	Wetaskiwin
Lacombe	Willingdon
Lac Ste. Anne	

After the Executives' reports, the Provincial Leader, Hon. E. C. Manning spoke a few words to the meeting, congratulating them on their splendid attendance and the excellence of the reports. He urged greater co-operation between those Constituencies where there is no Social Credit M.L.A., and the Government, and said that where necessary, the Constituency officials should make immediate contact.

Speaking of the recent election campaign, Mr. Manning said that the actions of the heads of the Liberal Association in Ottawa were born of desperation, and there are many persons who have turned from the Liberal party because of the tactics used during the election.

Constitutional Amendments

A recommendation from a member of the Board of Directors was referred to the Conference for discussion:

"THAT we amend the Constitution, creating the office of Past President, to be a voting member of the present Board, at Group, Constituency, and League levels."

After considerable discussion it was moved by Mr. Stelter, (Willingdon) and seconded by Mr. Good (Red Deer) THAT the Constitution be not amended to create the position of immediate Past President. CARRIED.

Introduction of Organizers

Presented to the meeting were: Mr. Archie A. McPhail, who has worked in the Northern part of the Province and the Western half of the Southern division, and Mr. E.V. Wickens, who worked the Central part and the Eastern half of the Southern division. During the year 1955, they worked on a Constituency and zone level.

Organizers' Expenses to Oct. 31st -	\$3945.30
Salaries " " " -	<u>4937.50</u>
	\$8882.80

Total Organization Fund receipts to Oct. 31st were \$4540.34, of which \$2700.00 was contributed by the cities of Calgary and Edmonton, who have so far received practically no help from the organizers. In order to carry on for the year 1956, more money must be raised.

A recommendation from the Board of Directors for financing the office and organizers, suggested a pledge to be signed by at least five members of a Provincial Constituency pledging themselves to raise \$10.00 per month each - a total of \$50.00 - by the following methods:-

(1) Memberships - (10 - 1-yr. fees, 5-2-yr. fees, 3 - 3-yr. fees, plus 1 - 1-yr. fee, or the equivalent.)

(2) Donations

This method if completely carried out, would bring in a total of over \$36,000.00. Suggested slogan - "36 in '56". The sale of "The Canadian Social Crediter" also to be promoted, whenever possible.

It was moved by Mr. Wade (Drumheller), seconded by Mr. Wilkinson (Rocky Mountain House), THAT we concur in the suggestion that each Constituency raise \$600.00 in memberships and donations. CARRIED.

Educational Program

A series of thirty lessons on Social Credit has been prepared by Mr. R.E. Cantelon and when they have been approved, they will be available for study groups. The League will be prepared to provide two free sets with cover for each group, and additional copies may be obtained at a cost of 10¢ a lesson.

The President described how he had enjoyed working with the Board during the past year and reminded the delegates that they would elect a new President and Board at the main Convention on Thursday afternoon, and urged them to use wisdom and care in electing their officers and planning for the future.

Meeting adjourned at 5 P.M., and the delegates invited to attend a Social Evening by the Ladies of the Social Credit Women's Auxiliaries at the Bible Institute at 8 P.M.

Memo:- Dates of the 1956 Annual Convention have now been confirmed as November 26th, 27th and 28th, 1956, at the Macdonald Hotel, Edmonton.
